

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an image capturing apparatus capable of fully utilizing the performance of an image sensor and obtaining an image having good picture quality. In an image recording standby state, on the basis of operation of an operation part by the user, a CCD obtains first and second image signals for detection while setting different exposure amounts at predetermined intervals during a period from start of an image recording preparing operation to start of an image recording operation. A saturation voltage detector detects the saturation voltage of the CCD on the basis of the first and second image signals for detection. After that, an AE/WB controller calculates and sets the minimum value of the amplification factor of an analog image signal in an analog amplifier on the basis of the saturation voltage of the CCD. In the AE/WB controller, automatic exposure control is performed so that the amplification factor of the analog amplifier becomes the set minimum value as much as possible.